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# New Child Passenger Law

Effective July 1, 2002 **all children under age six** must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat.

Violations will result in a \$50 fine.

## Does this affect me?

The law applies to anyone (i.e. parents, grandparents, babysitters, friends) who provides transportation for a child in any vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968.

## What type of safety seat should I use?

**Rear-Facing  
Infant seat**



Birth to at least 1 year  
**AND**  
At least 20 pounds

**Convertible Seat**



Age 1 to about 4  
**AND**  
20 to 40 pounds

**Backless  
Booster Seat**



About age 4 to at least age 8  
**AND**  
Under 4-feet 9-inches tall

**High Back  
Booster Seat**



## What about my older children?

All children between their 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> birthday must be properly restrained by a child restraint system or a safety belt. Violations will result in a \$50 fine.

## Remember...

Law enforcement officers can and **will** stop and ticket any driver of a vehicle where children under 16 years of age are not properly and safely secured.

For more information about the law or child passenger safety contact the Virginia Department of Health, Center for Injury and Violence Prevention  
1-800-732-8333 or visit [www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp).